



Newsletter

Dear families,

Ashington Academy celebrated another busy term full of careers events allowing our students to develop a greater understanding about the wonderful education, training and employment opportunities available to them. The spring term brought us two national careers celebrations in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, whereby students engaged in a range of activities which raised the profile of apprenticeships and T Levels as well as education and employment opportunities in our local community and beyond. We have also been joined by an abundance of employers in school recently during the Year 10 mock interviews process as well as the Careers Fair during National Careers Week. I'm sure you will enjoy reading about the specifics of these events when we explore 'what's been going on in term 2?'.

For those of you with students in Year 11 and 13 that are looking for an apprenticeship, now is a great time to be exploring the 'apprenticeships.gov.uk' website as more and more vacancies become live at this time of year. Northumberland County Council apprenticeships are also going to be live in May, I have included a direct link to these vacancies in the 'helpful careers websites' section of this newsletter.

If you have any careers related questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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What's been going on in term 2?

February: We celebrated National Apprenticeship Week

As part of National Apprenticeship week celebrations, we were joined by over 20 local business professionals from a range of industries across the region to conduct mock interviews with all our Year 10 students.

After working hard to prepare for the interviews, our students really impressed our visitors, and we had some great feedback from them!

You can still read the full story here:
<https://loom.ly/011q9xY>



We also had a fantastic turn out for our Key Stage 4 'Supporting your child's future' information evening back in February! Parents/carers and students heard all about the possible pathways to follow post Key Stage 4, from speakers from the Ask Apprenticeship Programme, Northumberland College, Newcastle College NE6 Sixth Form and David Coe from the North East Local Enterprise Partnership.



March: We celebrated **National Careers Week**

National Careers Week brought us our annual careers fair!

We were joined by some fantastic exhibitors, from a wide range of organisations, who had some great conversations with our students.



As ever the feedback from our visitors was extremely positive, with many commenting on how well behaved, polite and respectful our students were, coming well prepared to the event and asking great questions!





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Important careers dates:

WC 1st July	Year 10 Destination Days <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1st July – Day 1 – Northumberland College taster day- 2nd July – Day 2 – NE6 taster / Employment preparation day
WC 8th July 2024	Work Experience – Year 10 and 12

Helpful Careers Websites:

UNIFROG Our student one stop shop for all things careers!	Unifrog - The universal destinations platform. www.unifrog.org All students have a login!
Apprenticeship Support	www.apprenticeships.gov.uk Amazing Apprenticeships NCC Apprenticeships - Jobs and careers with Northumberland County Council
Local colleges	Northumberland College - Home - Northumberland College Newcastle College - Newcastle College (ncl-coll.ac.uk) Gateshead College - Education with Employment Edge Gateshead College
University Support	UCAS At the heart of connecting people to higher education Find and Compare the Best University & Degree Courses – The Uni Guide
T-Levels Support	T Levels The Next Level Qualification

